

# *Congregation of Our Lady of Sion Canada-US Province*

**Provincial Leadership Team Meeting**

**February 20-23, 2010 Toronto, ON**

Present: Jackie Chenard, Mary Babic, Isabel Lewis, Margaret Hughes

## **CHAPTER MANDATE 2008**

**Anchored in God's heart and bursting with passion for our Charism, we commit ourselves to:**

- **Strengthen our local areas and faithfully live out our projects of life.**
- **Celebrate and nurture our deepening relationships with our friends and associates.**
- **Honour and support one another in the process of discernment affirmed at this Chapter.**

## **DIRECTIONS**

- We will nourish the spiritual life of the Province through the study of our Biblical, Foundational, Jewish and Church sources.
- We will be united with the whole Congregation on the journey of transformation/reconfiguration.
- We value our networking relationships and we will reach out and explore other relationships for the sake of the mission.
- We will live out the last chapters of our life in Sion as fully as possible.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Local areas and regions invite more friends and associates to study days, meetings and workshops.
- Each area be more mindful about sending items for the newsletter.
- Information of the hopes and plans of sisters in their later years be gathered and analyzed in order to put appropriate actions and future plans in place.
- A networking/communication system for sisters in various retirement facilities be established.

Prayer and check- in/faith sharing time.

## **I. Congregation**

### **1. Congregational Grants**

We received input from the province for the Congregational Grants Evaluation. Thank you for the responses. We have completed the report to send in.

### **2. General Chapter**

The General Leadership Team asked the Congregational Associates/Friends Team to name 3 associates/friends to attend part of the General Chapter from July 8<sup>th</sup> to the 13th. The team decided to send one of associate from each of theses three provinces: Brazil, Canada-US, and Central America. Barbra Goetz will be attending from Canada-US

## **II. Province**

### **1. Visits**

Jackie did a visit to Toronto where she met with almost all of the sisters. She will return at the end of March to complete the visit. She will also visit Winnipeg in March. Mary visited Montreal in February and will visit the Eastern Seaboard in March and the Midwest in April.

### **3. Making Corporate Statements**

We continued to reflect on a process to arrive at a protocol for making corporate statements on issues of relevance to the charism.

### **III. Teams/Collaboration/Partnerships**

#### **1. Kansas City Schools**

Mary Ellen Coombe as liaison with the Kansas City schools arranged for Audrey Gerwing to visit the Kansas City high school in February. She gave presentations to some classes on vocations and to some other classes spoke of the Shoah and her experience of her pilgrimage to the camps of Auschwitz-Berkenau.

#### **2. Biblical Program-Associates/Friends**

Barbra, a friend of Sion, has been accepted into the June, 2010 biblical program called 'Recover Jesus in the Land'. She received a Theodore Ratisbonne Grant of \$2,000 USD.

#### **3. Ecole Bilingue Notre Dame de Sion**

Last year the director of the school, Veronique Lemieux and the fundraiser, Melissa Batchoun went to an international conference in Chicago regarding fundraising and networking in relation to schools. Due to the fact that the school has a relatively new foundation, the private school organization in Montreal chose it as one of the schools to go. The different schools had to do power point presentations at the conference.

Out of last year's presentation, the school was chosen to attend the international conference in San Francisco February 23-26, 2010. One of the stated reasons for choosing it was the fact that the school is connected to an international Congregation.

Congratulations will be sent to the school in the name of the Province.

## **IV. Personnel**

### **1. Marge Zdunich**

The Board of Directors of Bat Kol have invited Marge to become a member of the Board and she has accepted. Congratulations to Marge.

## **V. Finances**

### **1. Local Donation Fund**

Grants from the local donation fund were approved for Saskatoon \$350 and Winnipeg \$350.

### **2. Oakmount Repairs**

Emergency request for a new roof. Approved \$10, 250.

### **3. Biblical Program**

The Province will contribute \$2,300 US towards Barbra Goetz's attendance of the June biblical program.

## **VI. Other**

### **1. Next meetings:**

**April 17-20 Toronto**

**May 15-18 Toronto**